GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION ON RAILWAY LAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Railway has given land along Mumbai tracks to its class IV employees to cultivate vegetables;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways propose to implement such scheme all over the country to protect its land from encroachment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. About 140.05 hectare of railway land in Mumbai is under cultivation.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. It was observed that the railway land given to Railway employees for cultivation in Mumbai Region,remained largely free from encroachments and helped in maintaining greenery along railway tracks. It has, therefore, been decided to extend the policy of licensing of railway land to Group 'C' and Group 'D' Railway employees for cultivation in identified urban areas only.

(e) Does not arise.